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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Sexual Assault Prevention (Command Policy Letter 15)

1. Sexual assault is a crime and will not be tolerated in this Command. It is my policy to promote awareness and education to prevent sexual assault; encourage sensitive care for the victims; and aggressive, timely, and thorough investigation of all reported sexual assaults.
2. I am committed to the Army's policy and its enforcement. Leaders at all levels are responsible for providing a safe and healthy environment for those in their charge, and must take action to prevent sexual assaults, protect and support victims of sexual assault, and take appropriate action against alleged offenders, based on the facts and circumstances. Leaders will create and promote a positive command climate in which victims and witnesses have the confidence to report allegations immediately.
3. Commanders/Directorates will conduct annual training aimed at the prevention of sexual assault, and they will ensure 100% of Soldiers attend this training. The training will include at a minimum a discussion of the Army's policy to include a review of the Department of Defense Victim and Witness Bill of Rights, and the myriad of resources available to Sexual Assault Victims.
4. Commanders and leaders have an inherent responsibility to respond compassionately but resolutely to allegations of sexual assault in their units and sections. Victims must be helped and protected immediately when they allege an assault. Leaders are responsible for treating sexual assault victims with dignity, fairness, and respect for their privacy and ensuring all medical, legal, and spiritual resources are made available to victims regardless of the status of all investigations and actions.
5. Sexual Assault Victims have two options available for reporting a sexual assault incident as discussed below.
 - a. Restricted reporting – allows a sexual assault victim, on a confidential basis, to disclose the details of his/her assault to specifically identified individuals and receive medical treatment and counseling without triggering the official investigative process. Soldiers who are sexually assaulted and desire restricted reporting under this policy should report the assault to the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Victim Advocate, Chaplain or a healthcare provider.

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The installation SARC can be contacted at 476-3217 or 09662-83-3217 (this number is accessible 24/7 with on-call personnel ready to respond immediately). Additionally, a sexual assault hotline is available in the European theater to provide immediate response to victims of sexual assault. The hotline is staffed around the clock by the Heidelberg Hospital Emergency

Room staff. Based on the needs and desires of the caller, information is provided and the community resources that can provide desired services are identified. The toll free number in Germany is 00-800-0277-2858. The DSN is 371-3550/3551.

b. Unrestricted reporting – allows a Soldier who is sexually assaulted and desires medical treatment, counseling and an official investigation of his/her allegation to use current reporting channels (e.g., chain of command, law enforcement, or he/she may report the incident to the SARC). Upon notification of a reported sexual assault, the SARC will immediately notify a Victim Advocate.

6. Commanders/Directorates will ensure all allegations of sexual assault are investigated promptly and impartially, and will coordinate with the local Criminal Investigation Division (CID) and the Staff Judge Advocate immediately following an allegation.

7. All 7th U.S. Army Joint Multinational Training Command Soldiers will comply with the Army's Policy on Sexual Assault. Sexual assaults not only impact the victims, but adversely impacts the morale and cohesiveness of our units and the community, thereby affecting our readiness. I am committed to promoting an atmosphere which provides dignity and respect to all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. HOGG', with a large, stylized loop at the beginning and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

DAVID R. HOGG
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
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